

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

October 27, 2005

Members Present:

Ken Booth Carl Brunetti Cheryl Ethier

Jack Newman Joe Dziobek Claudette Lussier

Linda Noble Roberta Gosselin Greg Leonard

Bob Ericson

Members Absent

Mary Varr

The meeting began at 7:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Greg Leonard.

The minutes of September 29th were not available for approval.

The Budget Board welcomed public comment and questions.

Town Administrator Sue Shepard noted that if the Budget Board needed anything from the Administration (information, etc.) that they only need ask.

Roberta Gosselin noted that it might not be a bad idea to combine the Finance and Maintenance Departments of the Schools and Town so that they can work together.

Sue Shepard noted that there are 2 separate workers unions for the 2 sides.

The Budget Board discussed the annual presentation of the budget by the Administrator and suggested getting the budget book on February 15th even if it is not possible to have the actual presentation by the Administrator that night because they would like the chance to look through it and maybe ask questions at the presentation.

The Budget Board discussed the legislature regarding pension saving and Roberta noted that the liability does still exist.

Linda Noble noted that the Medicaid revenues should be in the budget somewhere because they took in an extra \$350,000 or so.

The Budget Board discussed the issue of adding the money to a fund and then using it fund a permanent line when the Medicaid revenues are not a guaranteed amount each year.

Carl Brunetti inquired about an Accounting Manager that was not recommended by the Performance Audit but was hired.

Claudette Lussier distributed the Salary Warrant that was approved by the Town Council. Some changes will be made after the contracts are settled.

Roberta Gosselin noted that there is an amount under Fixed Charges

that will be allocated to cover some of the changes once the contracts have been settled.

Joe Dziobek asked if there was anything that the Budget Board should expect to be added to the capital plan.

Sue Shepard responded that there is nothing that has not already been discussed and that the analysis of the dams has not been started yet.

The Budget Board held elections for officers.

Joe Dziobek nominated Claudette Lussier for Secretary. Roberta Gosseilin seconded the motion. Claudette Lussier remained Secretary by unanimous vote.

Jack Newman nominated Linda Noble for Vice Chair. Joe Dziobek seconded the motion. Linda Noble remained Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

Joe Dziobek nominated Ken Booth for Chairman. Roberta Gosselin seconded the motion. Ken Booth remained Chairman by unanimous vote.

The Subcommittees will remain as determined on September 29th.

The Budget Board will discuss the meeting schedule at the next meeting with the School Committee to see if they will have information and when.

The Budget Board's next meeting will be on November 17th and then

on December 15th.

A list was distributed by Roberta Gosselin which will aid in the tracking of information that the Budget Board has requested and when as well as when they received a reply.

The Budget Board split into subcommittees. The following notes are from the School Subcommittee.

Linda Noble noted that the taxpayers will be less tolerant of any tax increase this year due to many increased expenses.

Linda Noble nominated Cheryl Ethier as Chair and Jack Newman as Vice Chair of the School Subcommittee. Joe Dziobek seconded the motion. Cheryl and Jack were elected by unanimous vote.

The School Subcommittee discussed the transition into the new Middle School and what will be done with the current Middle School building.

The Budget Board reconvened as a whole.

It was noted that the Town Council did approve the Purchase and Sales agreement for the property at Camp Meehan. It will be a \$3 million bond item.

Roberta Gosselin noted that there is a push statewide to make Kindergarten full-time classes.

Joe Dziobek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roberta Gosselin.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05.